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# **Tuning the Spectrum: Light, Health & the Pursuit of Happiness**

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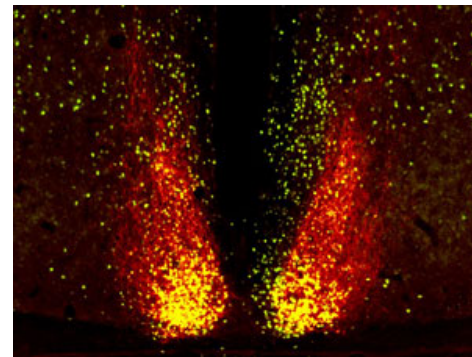
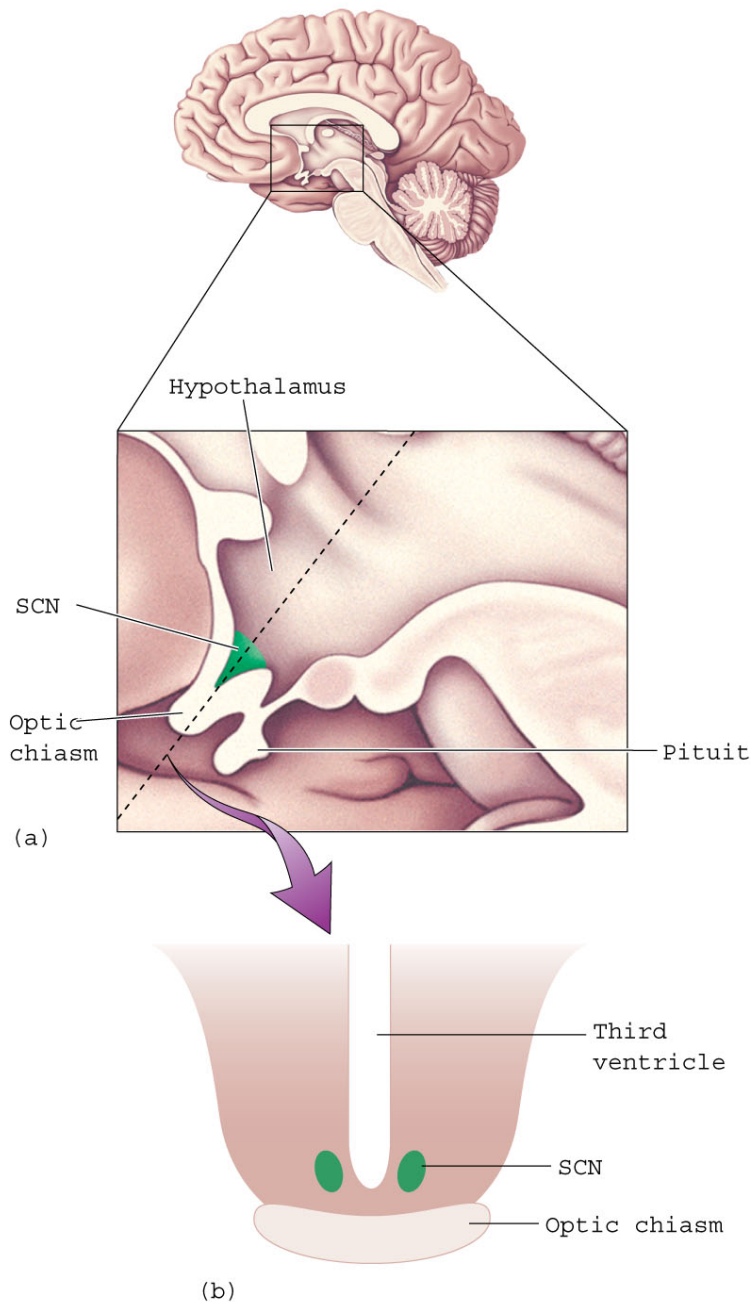
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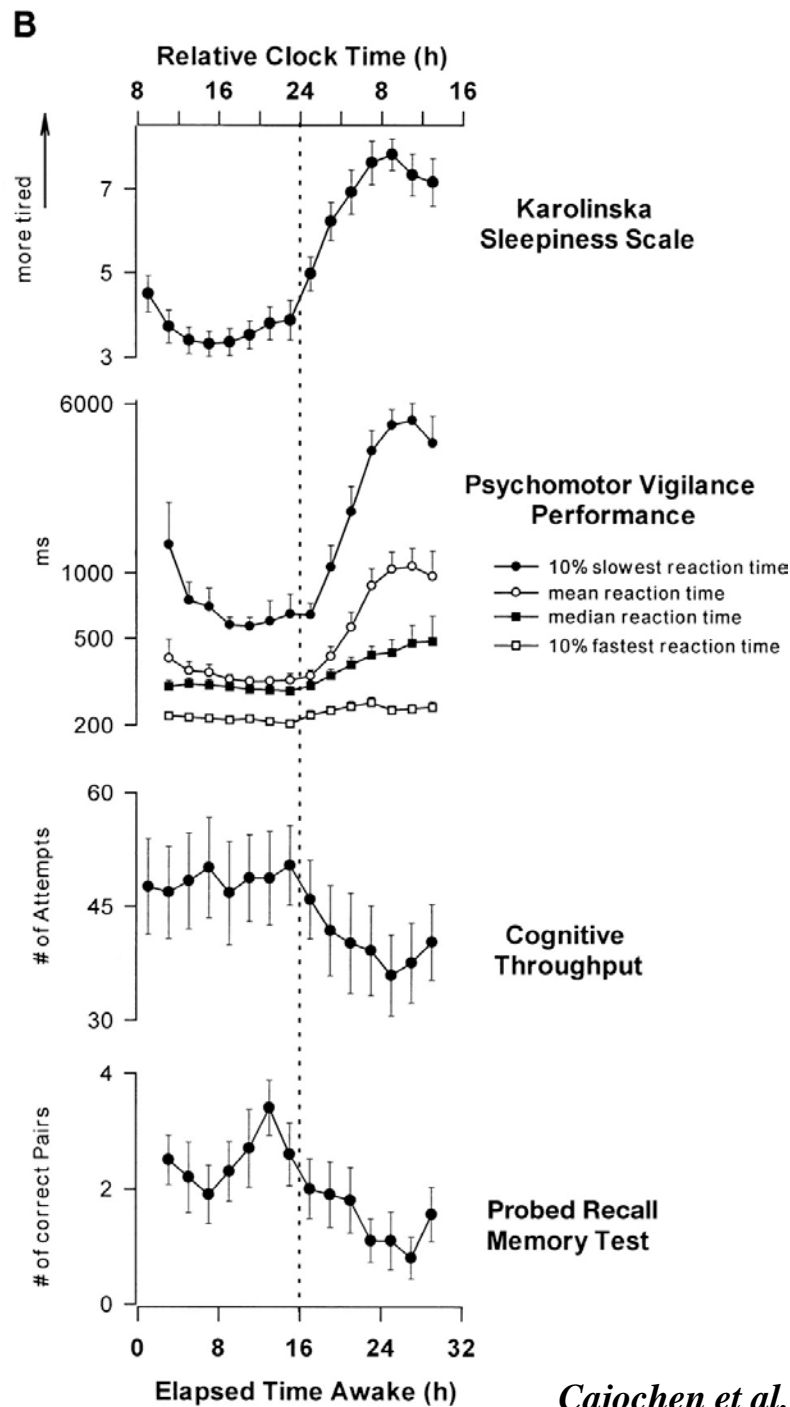
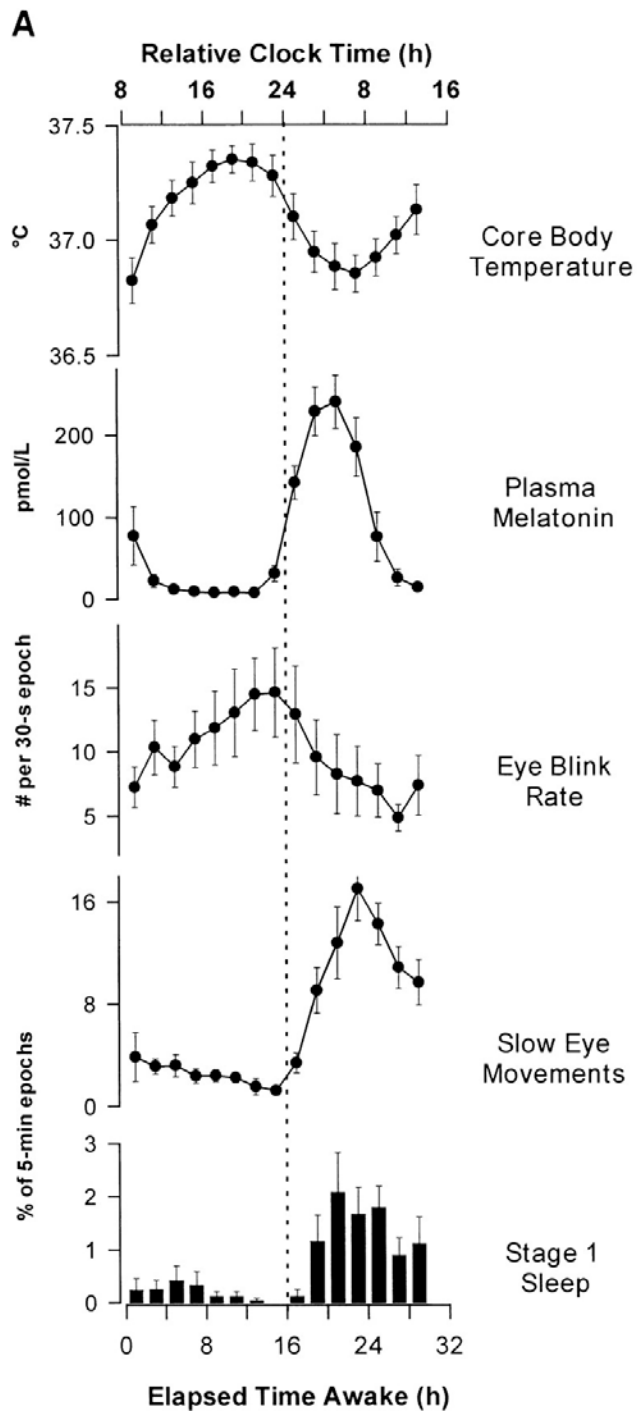
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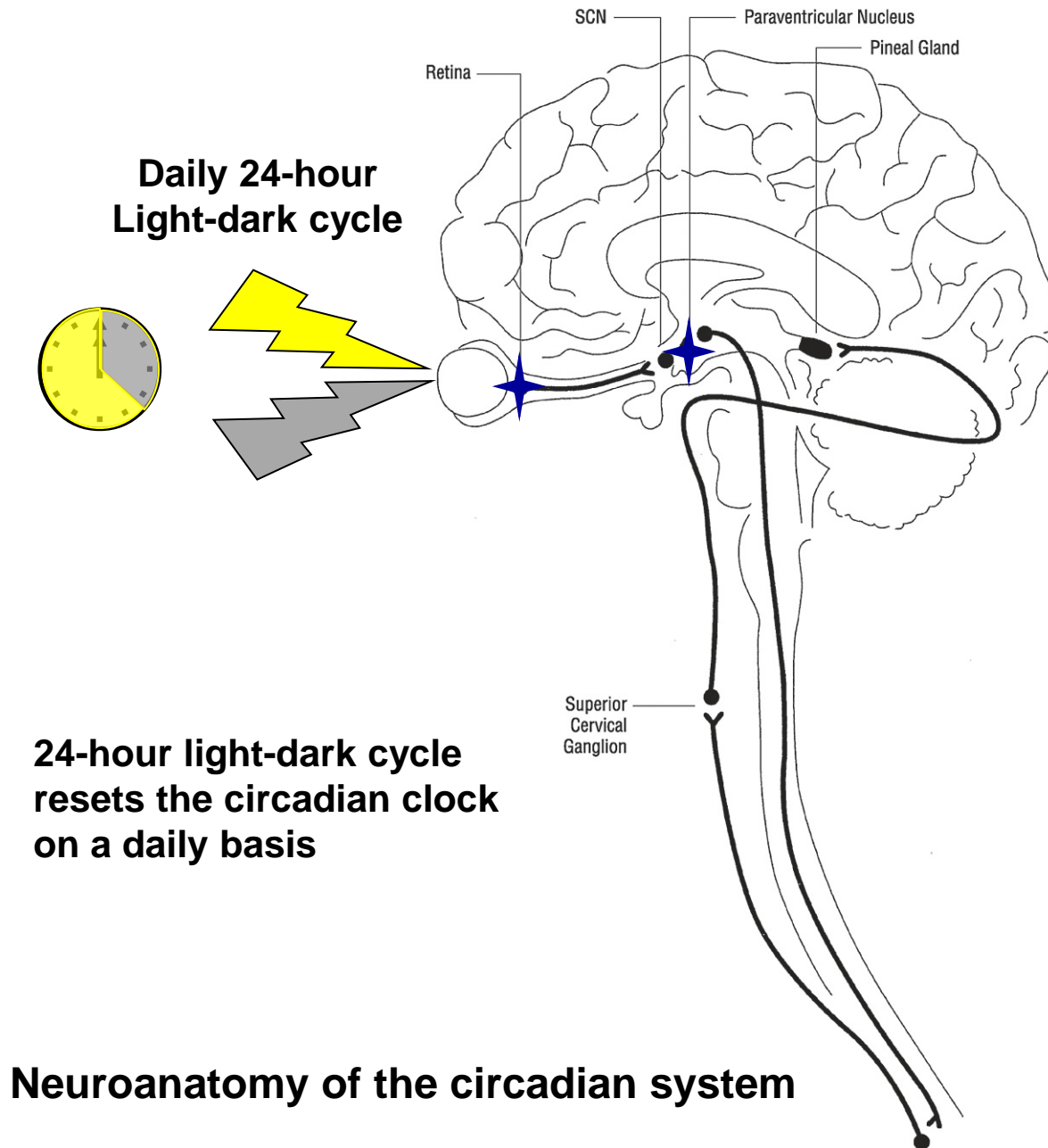
# The 'body clock' or circadian pacemaker is situated in suprachiasmatic nucleus (SCN) of hypothalamus

It controls the timing of most 24-hour behavioral and physiological rhythms including the sleep-wake cycle, alertness and performance rhythms, hormone production, temperature regulation, and metabolism.



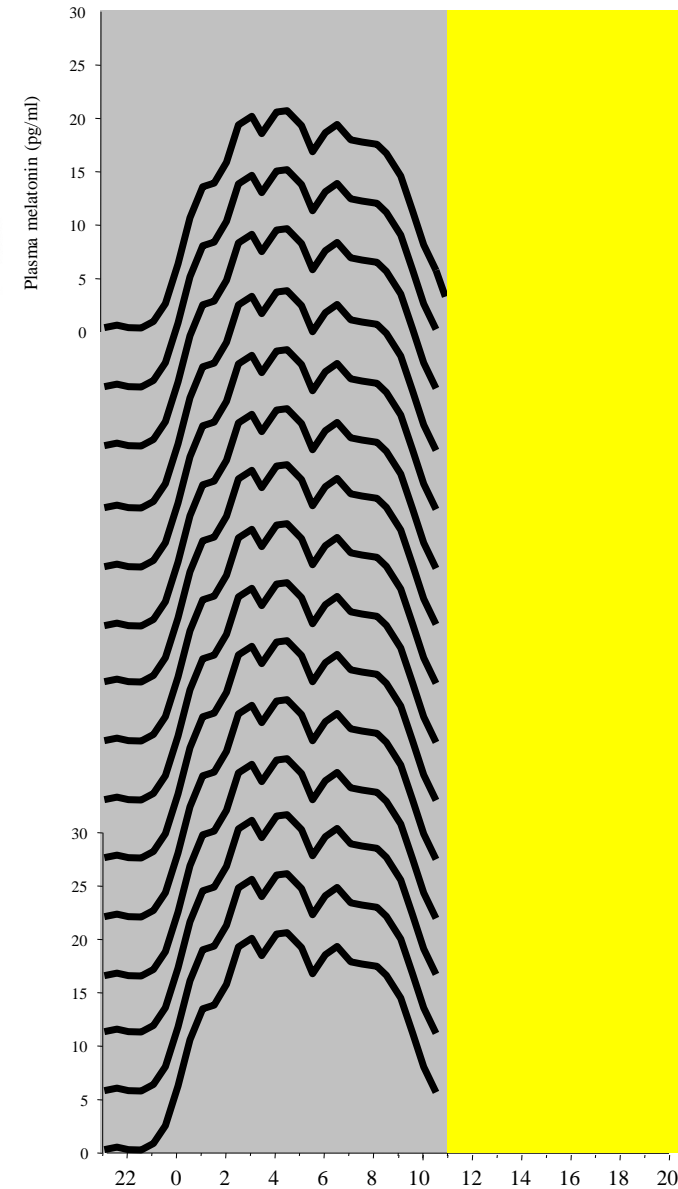
'circadian' - 'about a day'

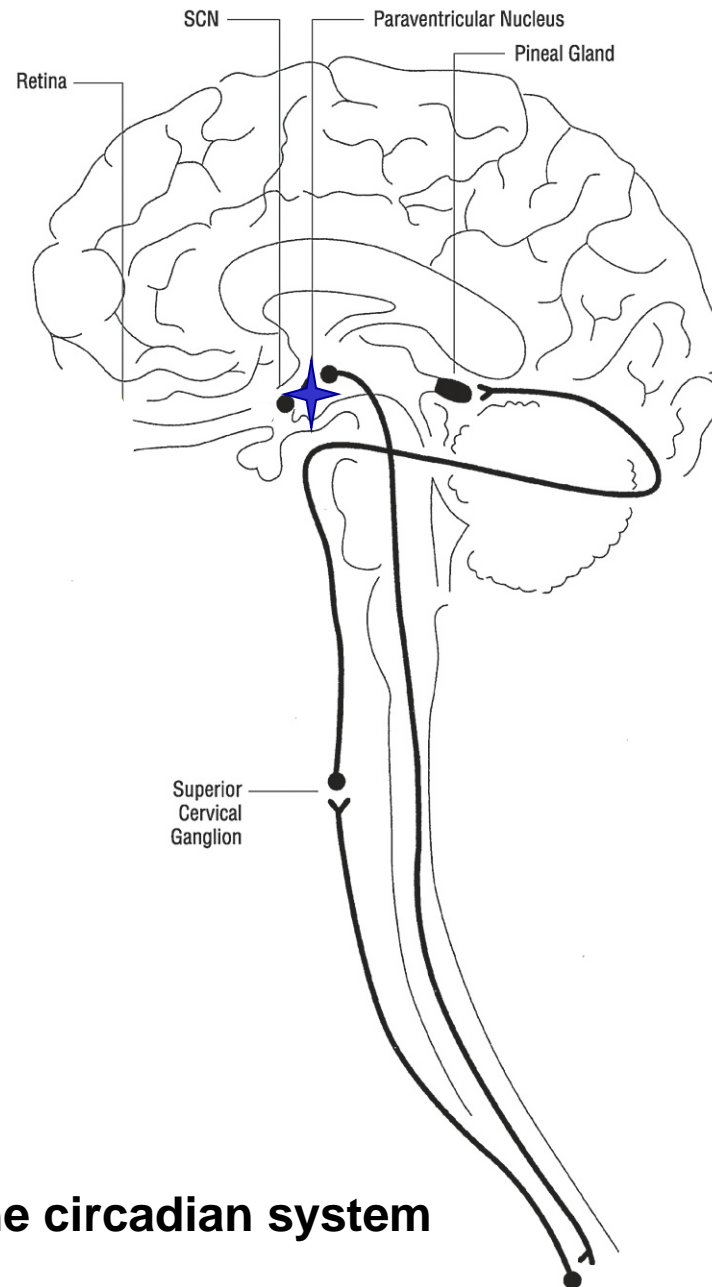




## Pineal melatonin response

### Entrainment by light

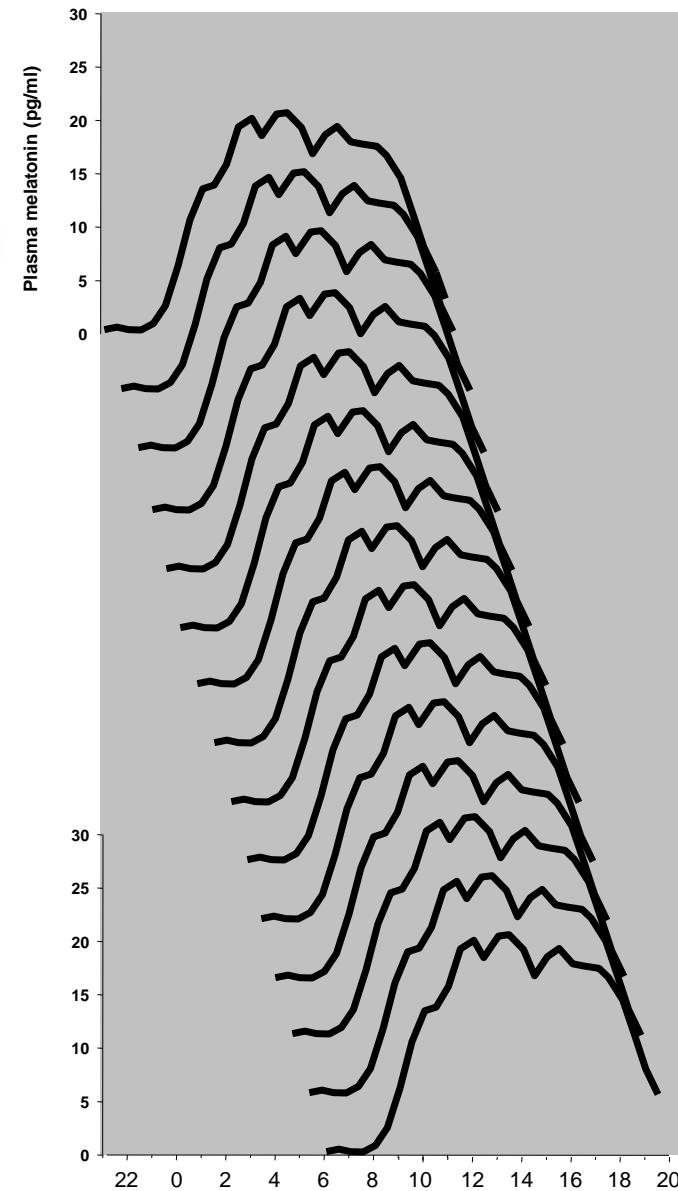




**Neuroanatomy of the circadian system**

## Pineal melatonin response

**Total blindness**





# **Non-Visual Photoreception**

## **Multiple neuroendocrine and neurobehavioral responses**

- Light is the most powerful time cue for resetting the circadian pacemaker and ensuring correct synchronization of the internal clock with the environment
- Failure to entrain the circadian pacemaker results in sleep disorders, fatigue, performance problems, hormone and metabolic disorders
- Common examples include the circadian desynchronization caused by shift-work, jet-lag and Advanced- and Delayed Sleep Phase Disorder

# **Non-Visual Photoreception**

**Multiple neuroendocrine and neurobehavioral responses**

- **Circadian entrainment**
- **Circadian phase shifting**
  
- **Melatonin suppression**
- **Subjective alertness / EEG**
- **Neurobehavioral performance**
- **Cortisol stimulation**
- **Cardio- and thermoregulation**
- **Pupillary reflex**
- **Stimulation of clock gene expression**
  
- **Photoperiodism and seasonality**
- **Solar navigation**

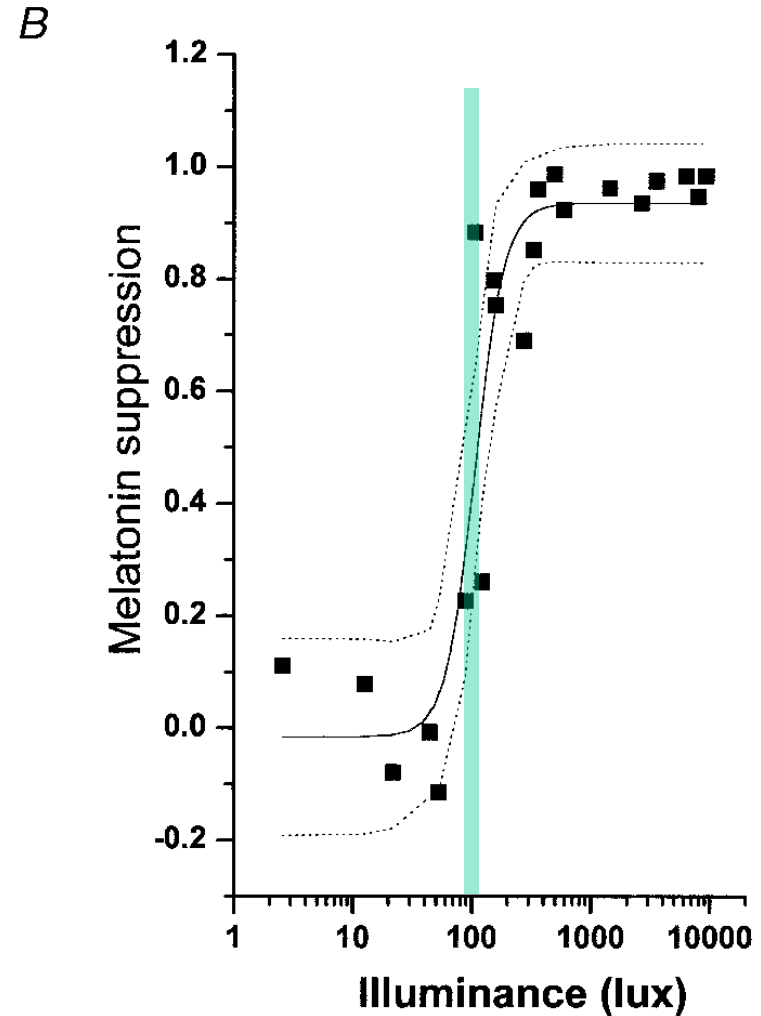
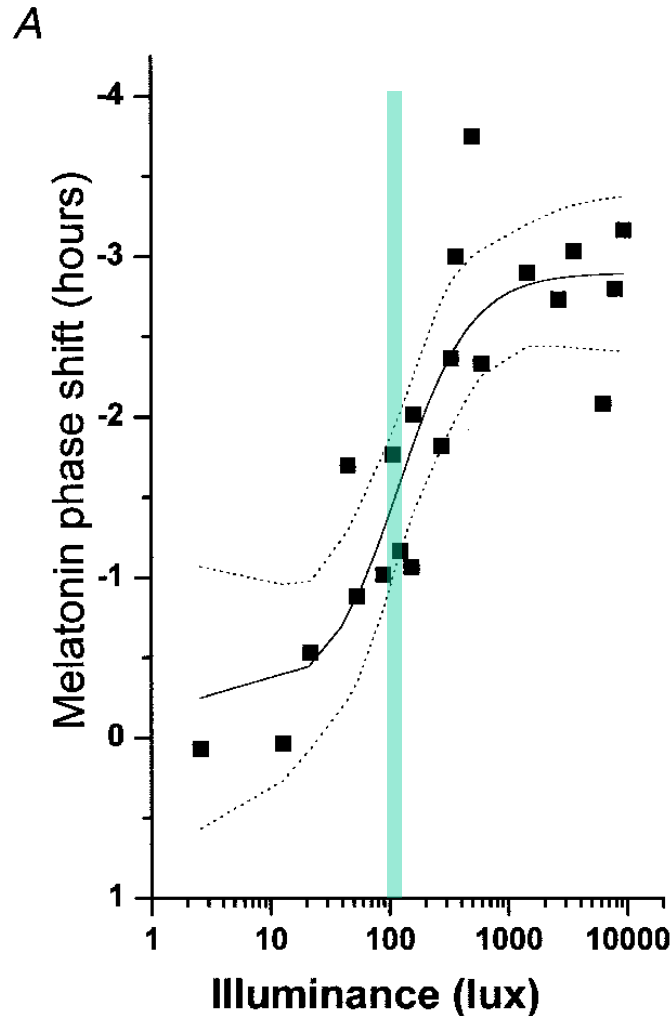


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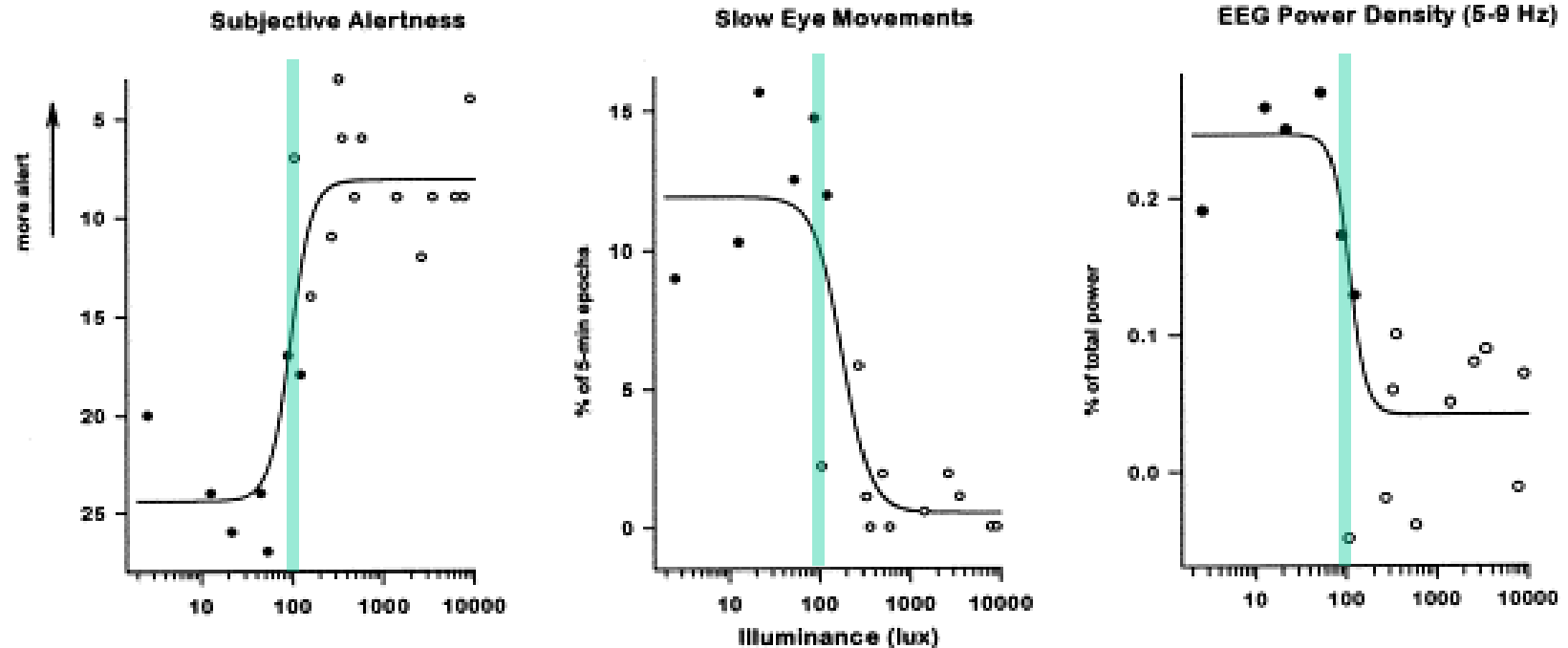
**Properties of light affecting circadian photoreception**

- **Intensity**
- **Timing**
- **Pattern**
- **Light history**
- **Wavelength**

# Phase-shifting and melatonin suppressive effects of night-time white light exposure are dose-dependent



# Acute enhancement of alertness by 6.5 h of night-time white light exposure is dose-dependent



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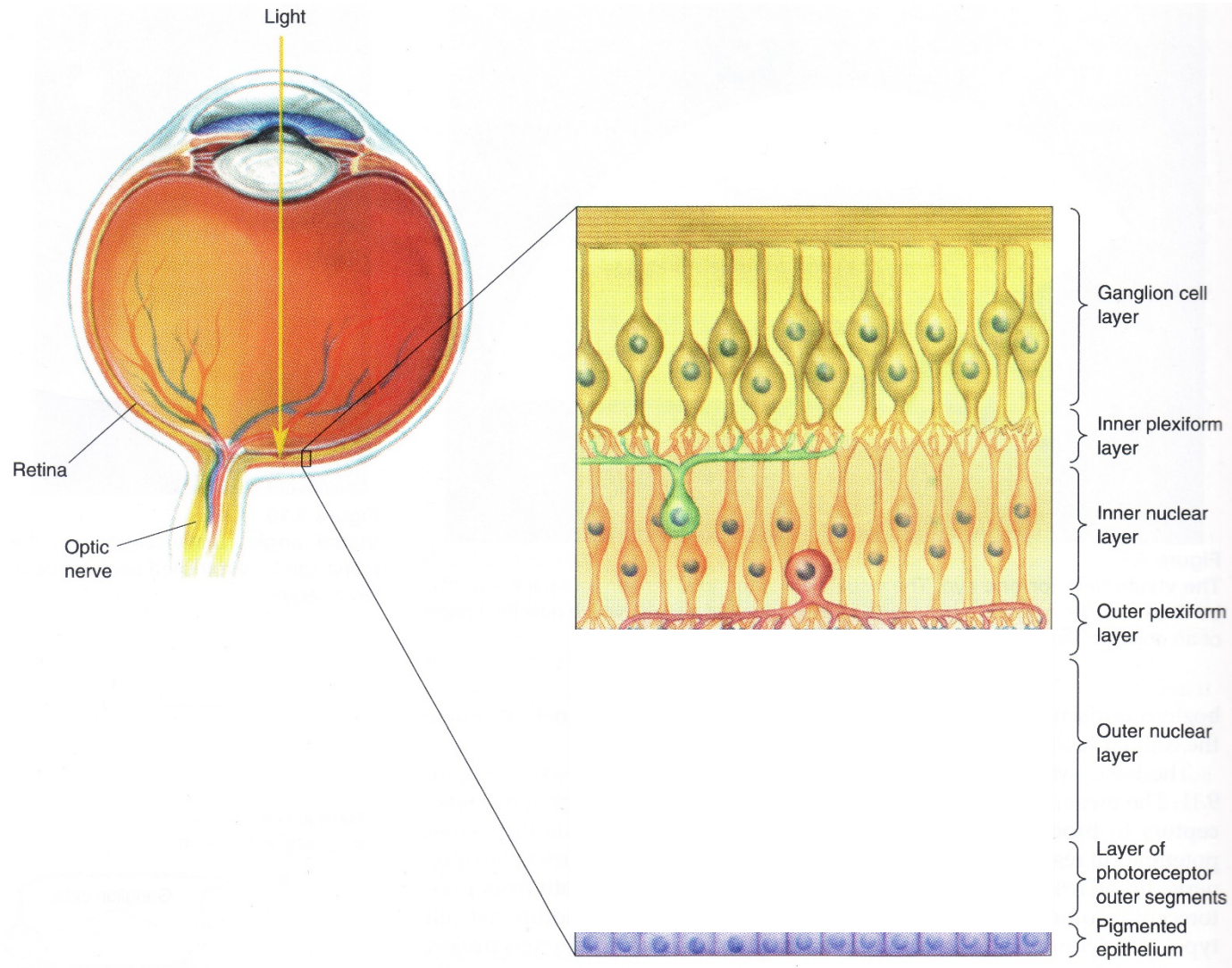
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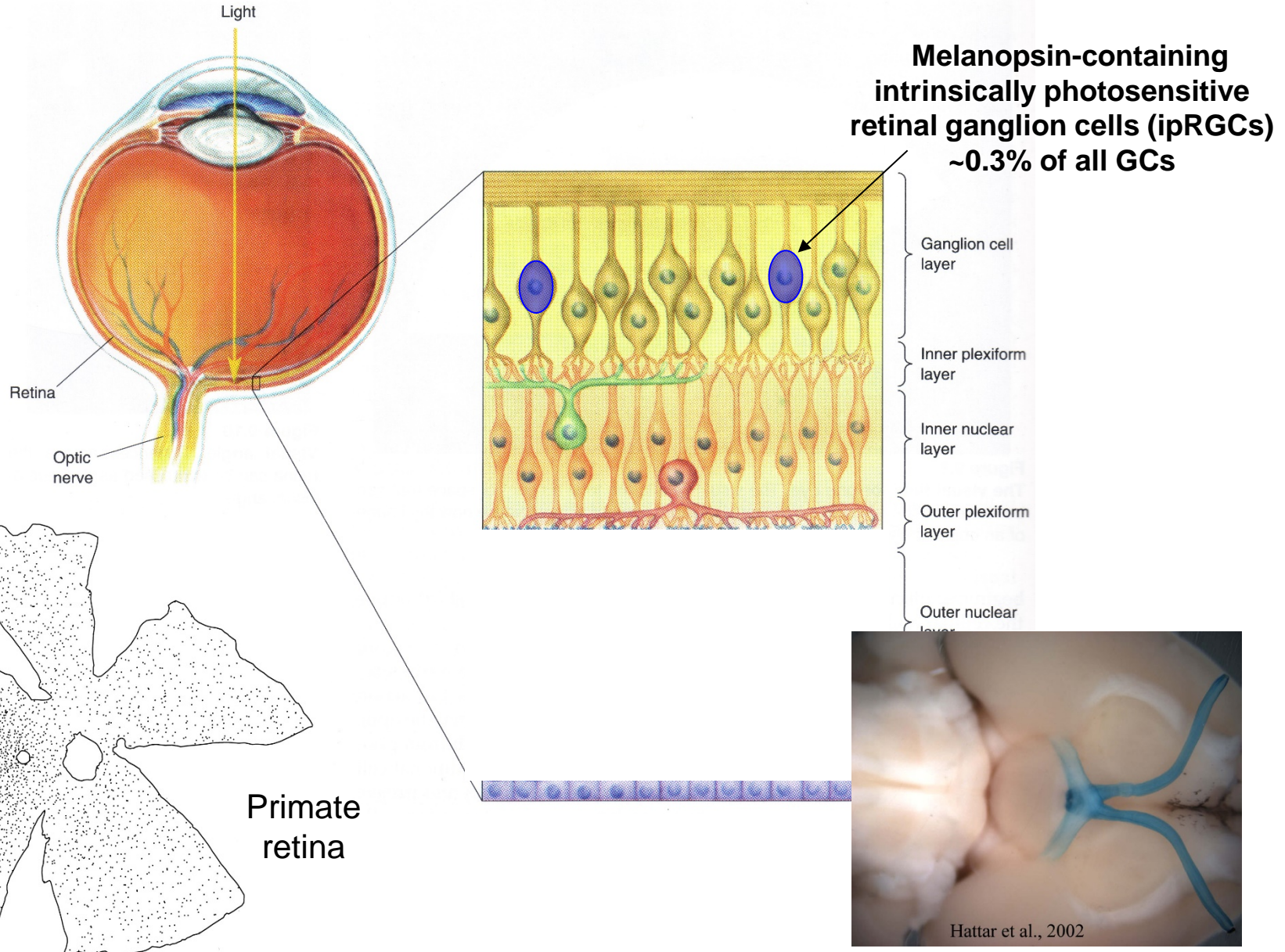
## Multiple neuroendocrine and neurobehavioral responses

- Much like the ear has dual functions for audition and balance, the human eye has a dual role in detecting light for a range of behavioral and physiological responses separate and apart from sight
- These 'non-visual' effects of light are mediated by a novel non-rod, non-cone photoreceptor located in the ganglion cell layer of the eye
- These photosensitive ganglion cells contain a novel opsin, melanopsin, to detect light which is maximally sensitive to short-wavelength (blue) visible light ( $\lambda_{\text{max}} \sim 480 \text{ nm}$ )

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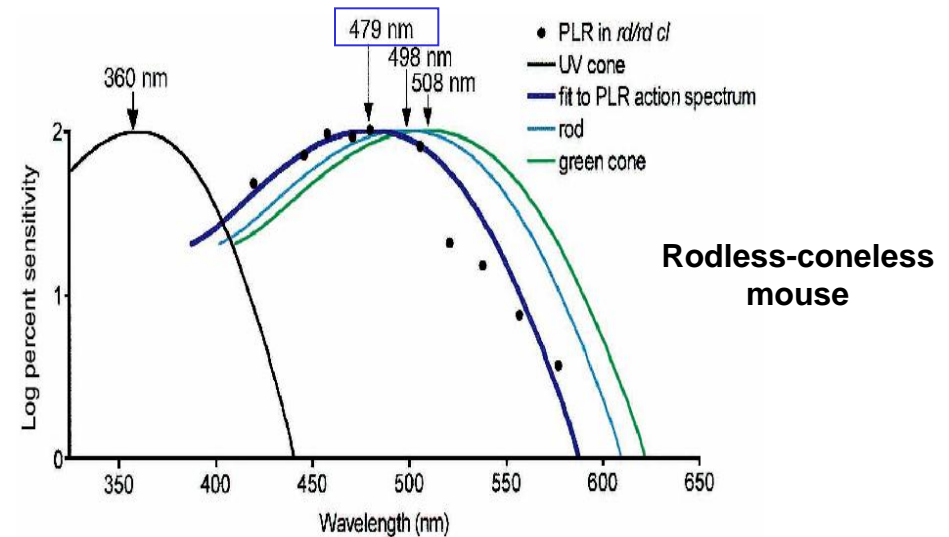
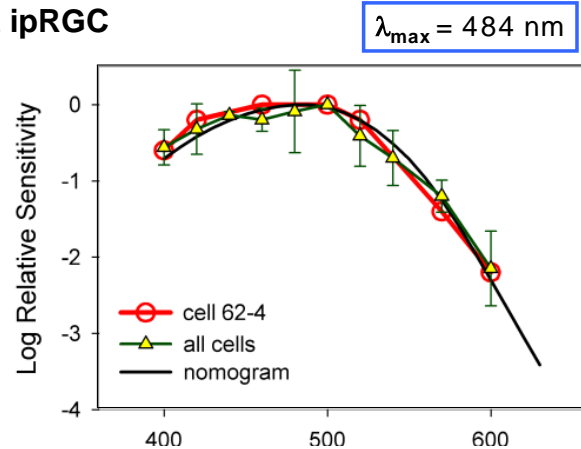


# Action spectra demonstrate short-wavelength sensitivity ( $\lambda_{\max} \approx 480$ nm) for non-rod, non-cone photoreceptor system

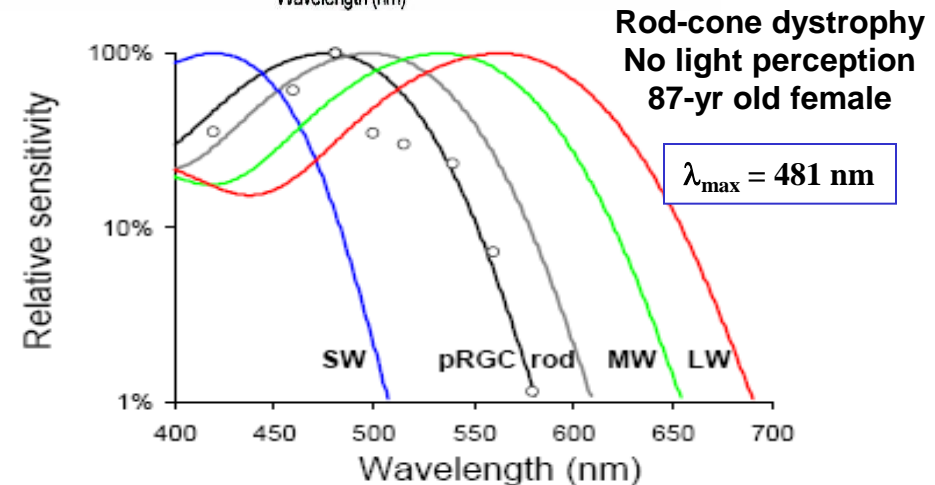
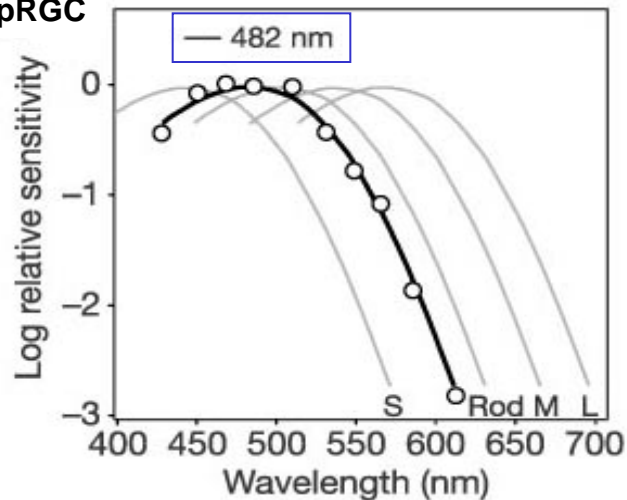
Melanopsin-containing intrinsically photosensitive retinal ganglion cells

Pupillary reflex to light in totally visually blind mice and human

Rat ipRGC



Primate ipRGC

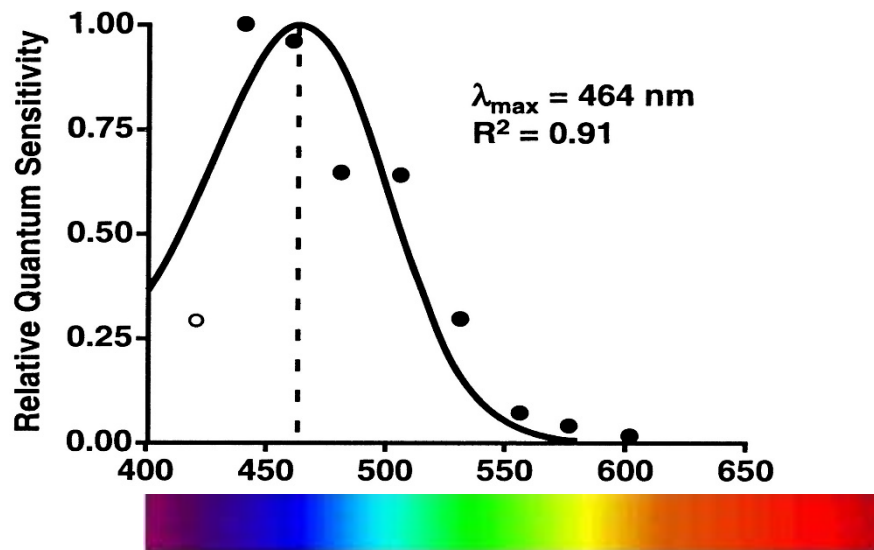




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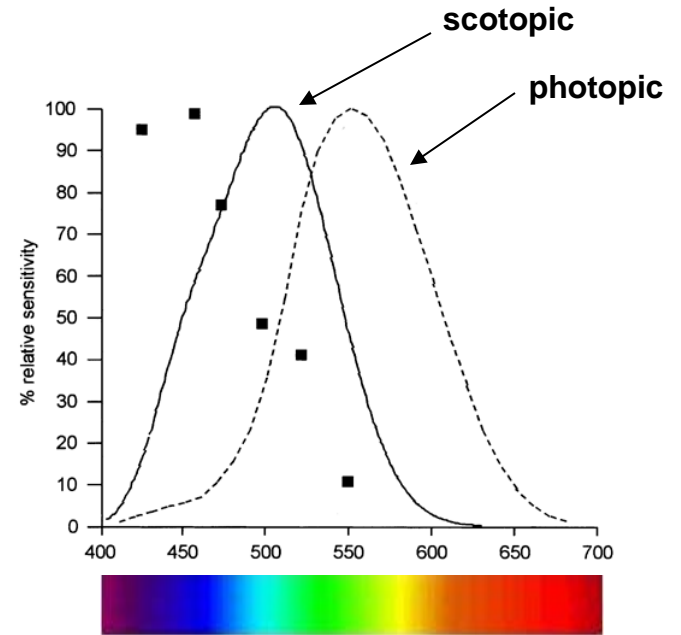
What is the evidence for a novel photoreceptor system?

Action spectra for melatonin suppression peak at ~460 nm and do not match known rod and cone photoreceptors



$\lambda_{\text{max}} = 446\text{-}477 \text{ nm}$   
90 mins exposure

*Brainard et al. J Neurosci 2001*

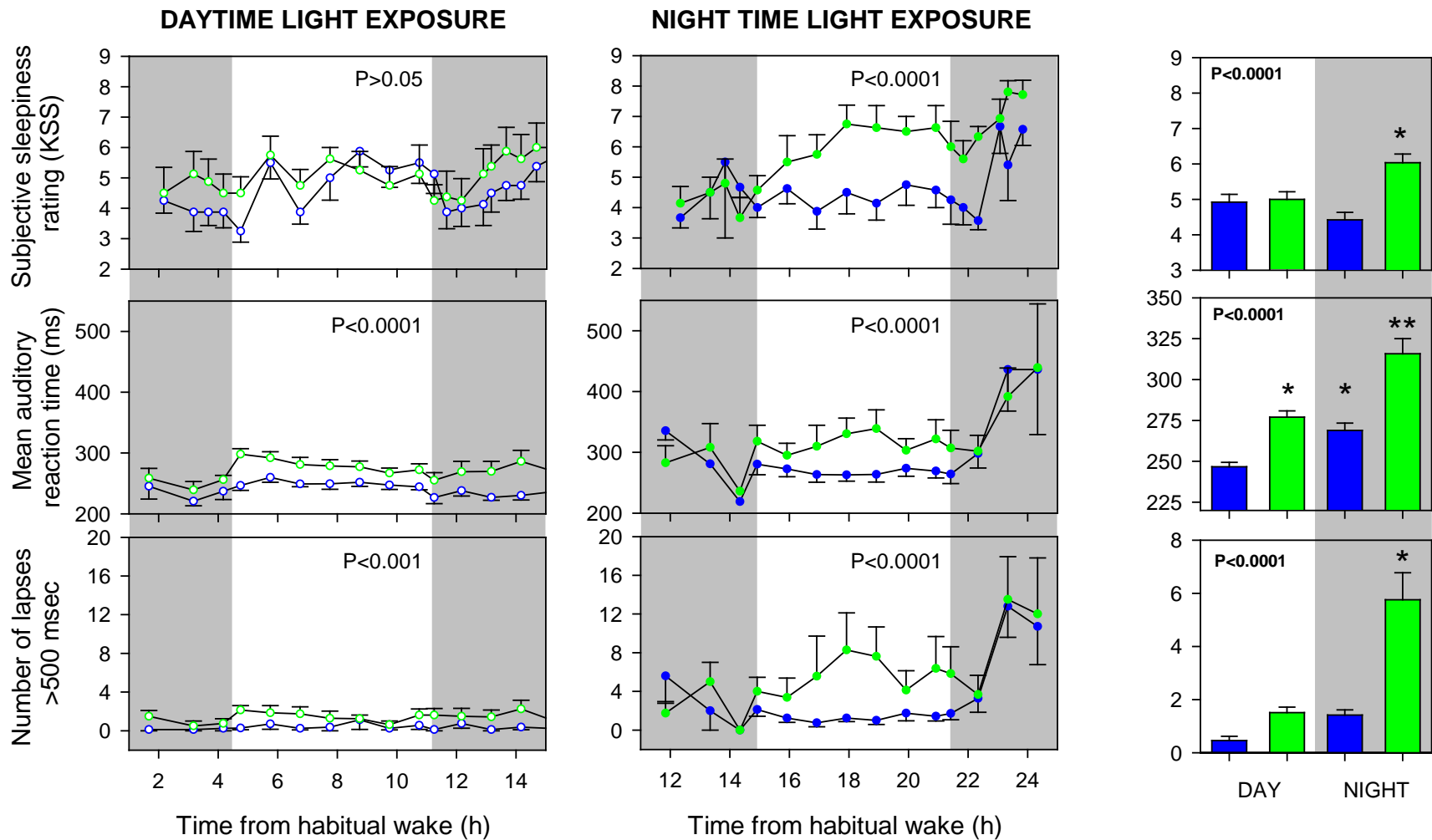


$\lambda_{\text{max}} = 459 \text{ nm}$   
30 mins exposure

*Thapan et al. J Physiol 2001*

# Short-wavelength sensitivity for the acute alerting effects of light

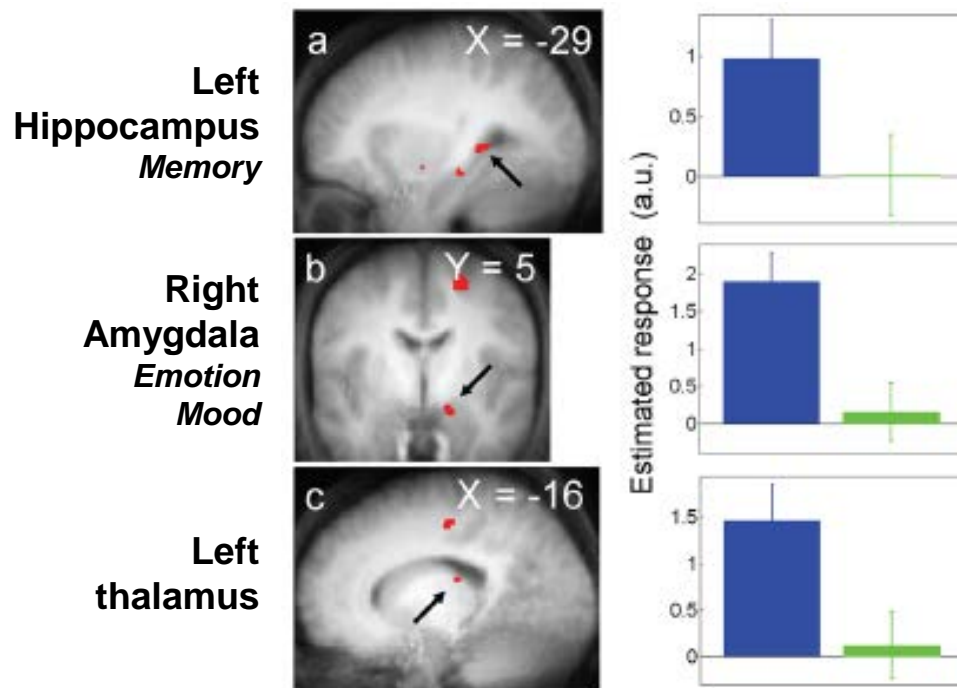
460 nm light is more effective at enhancing alertness and performance than 555 nm light during both night and day



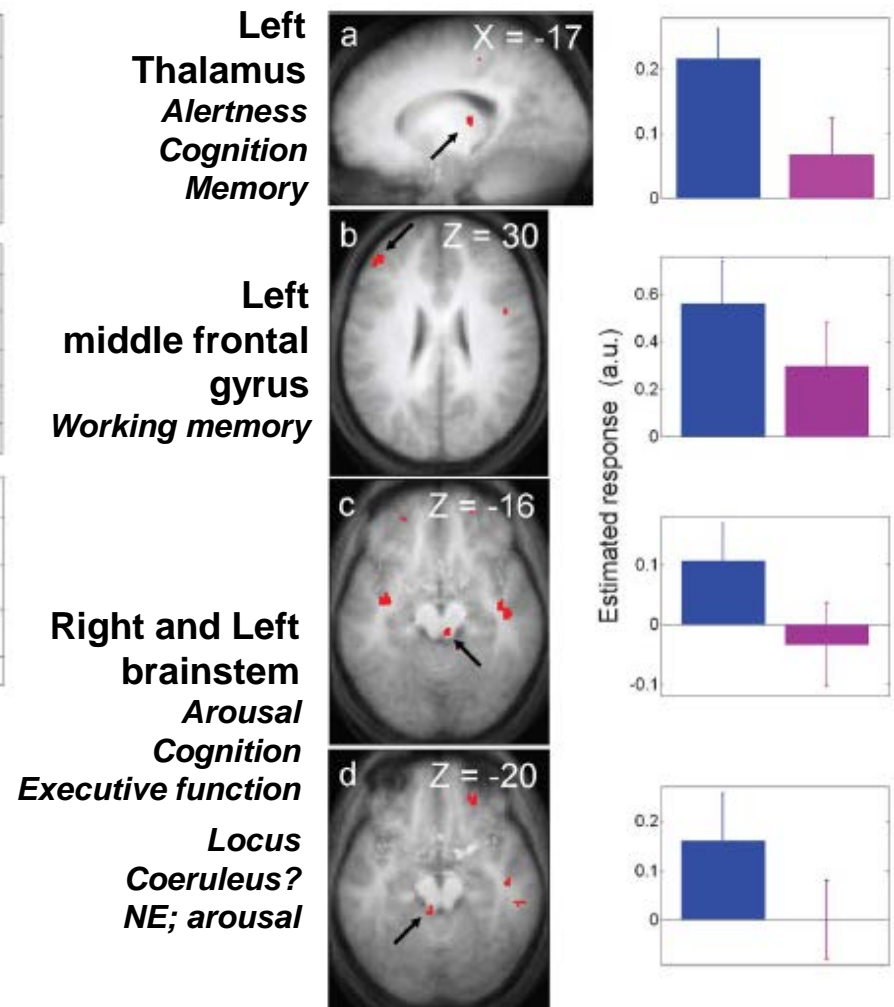
# Short-duration (<1') blue light preferentially activates the brain

473 nm light increases activity in brain areas associated with alertness, performance and mood during the day compared to 430 nm or 527 nm light

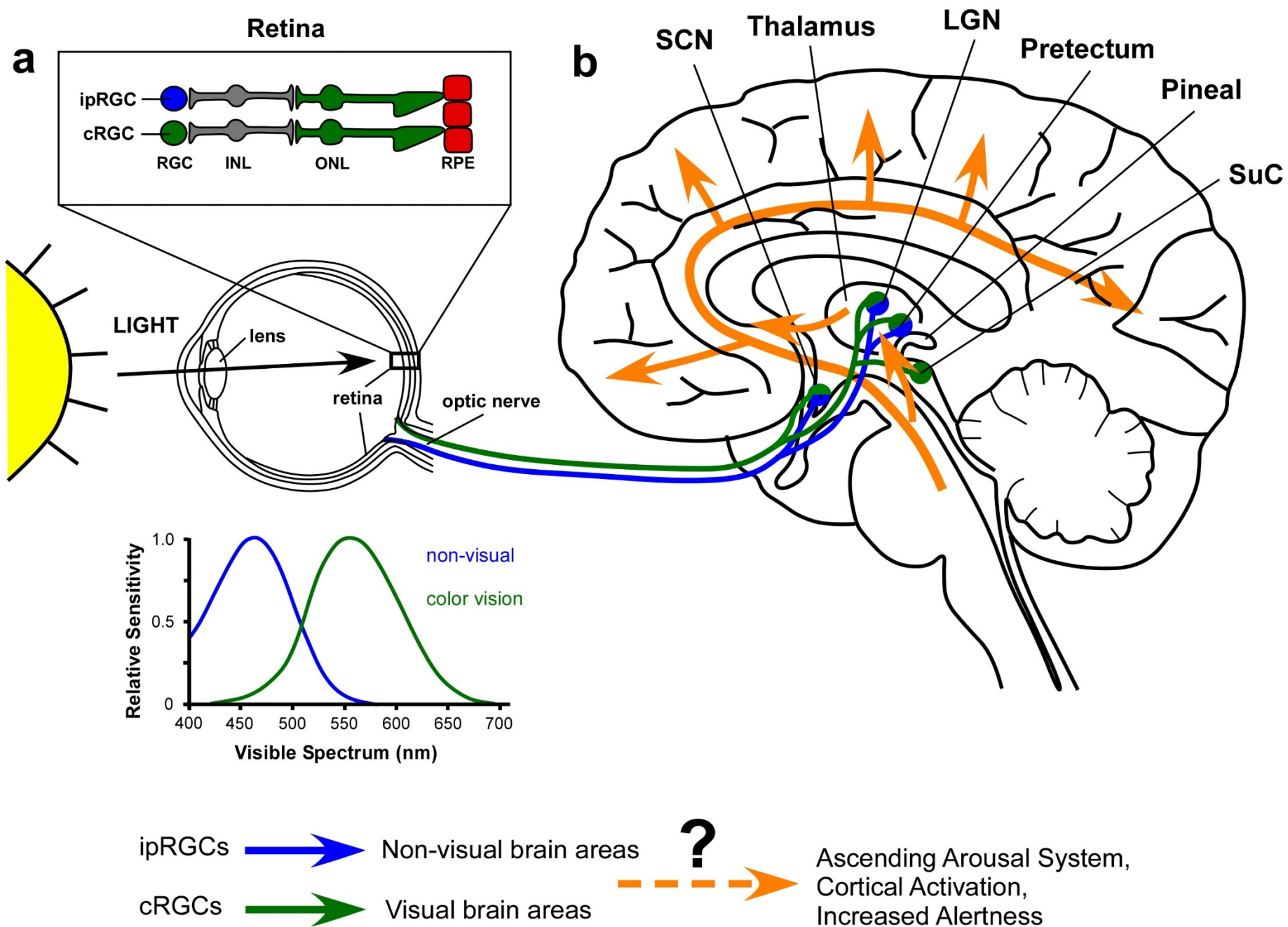
## Transient effects at light onset



## Sustained effects during 35s 2-back task



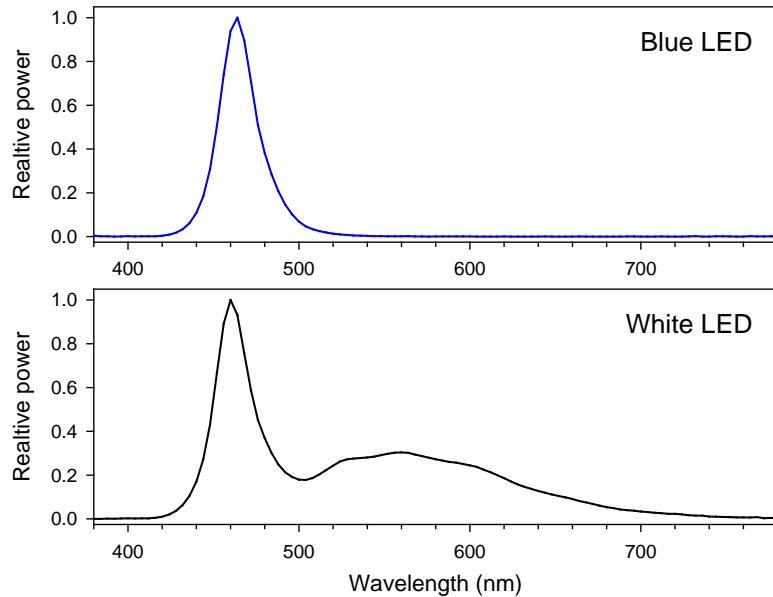
fMRI– Functional Magnetic Resonance Imaging



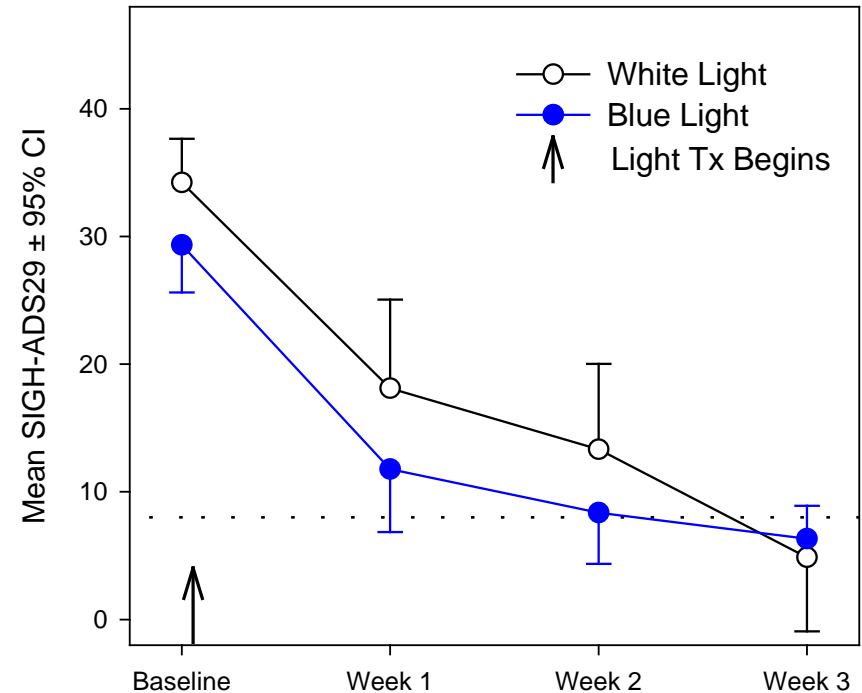
# Light Applications - Clinical

- **Treatment of circadian rhythm sleep disorders**
  - Advanced-, Delayed-, Non-24-hour Sleep Disorders
  - Shift-work Disorder, Jet-lag
  - Sleep timing changes due to adolescence and aging
- **Entrainment to non-24-hour 'days'**
  - Space flight and bases, Submariners, Antarctica
- **Treatment of affective disorders**
  - Seasonal Affective Disorder
  - Dementia
  - General mood, non-seasonal depression
- **Improving sleep patterns and stability**
  - Hospital patients
  - Care home patients
  - Psychiatric inpatients
  - Child and adolescent sleep

# Treatment of SAD

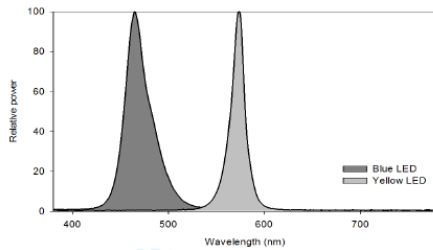


Device	Spectral characteristics	Irradiance ( $\mu\text{W}/\text{cm}^2$ )	Illuminance (Lux)	Photon density (photons/ $\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$ ) 380-780 nm	Photon density (photons/ $\text{cm}^2/\text{s}$ ) 424-532 nm
Blue goLITE	Narrow bandwidth $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 464 \text{ nm}$	144	98	$3.38 \times 10^{14}$	$3.35 \times 10^{14}$
White goLITE	Broad bandwidth $\lambda_{\text{max}} = 460 \text{ nm}$	262	711	$7.00 \times 10^{14}$	$3.46 \times 10^{14}$



Blue light = 86% remission  
White light = 78% remission

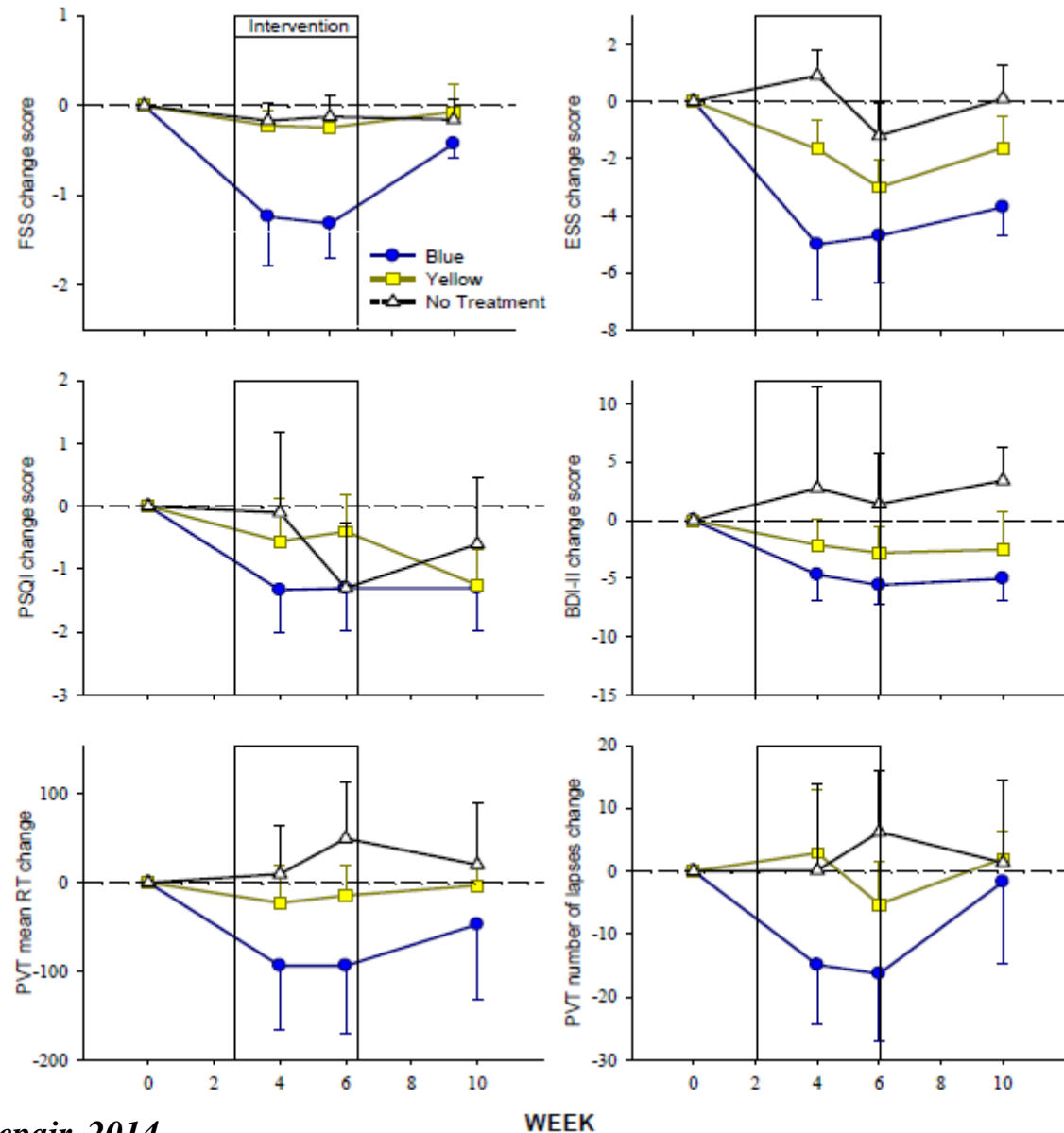
# Treatment of fatigue in Traumatic Brain Injury



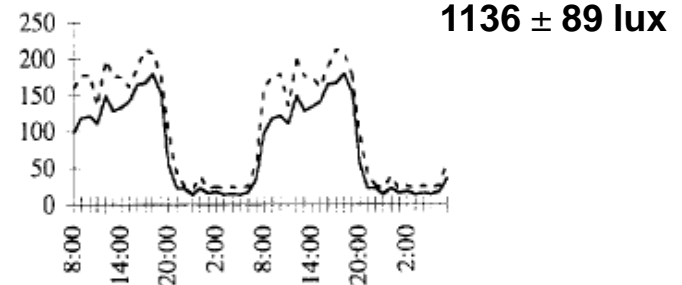
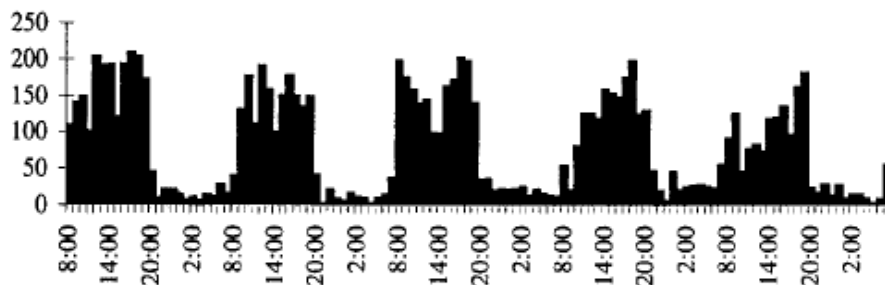
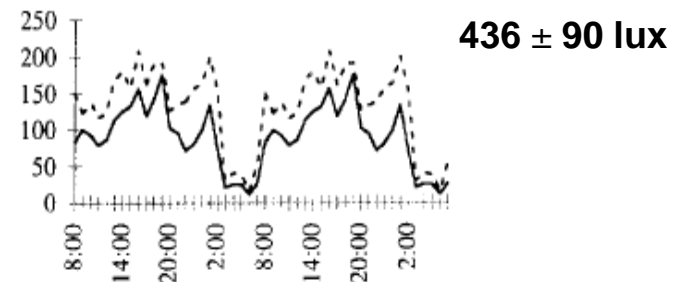
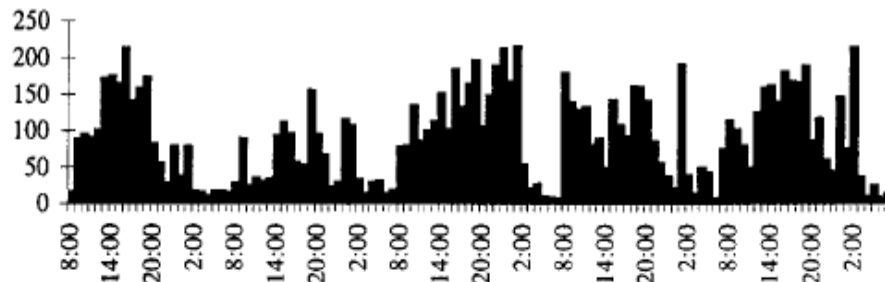
n = 10 blue  
n = 10 yellow  
n = 10 none



IMPROVING SYMPTOMS



# Light treatment for dementia



**JAMA<sup>®</sup>**

Online article and related content  
current as of July 22, 2008.

## Effect of Bright Light and Melatonin on Cognitive and Noncognitive Function in Elderly Residents of Group Care Facilities: A Randomized Controlled Trial

Rixt F. Riemersma-van der Lek; Dick F. Swaab; Jos Twisk; et al.

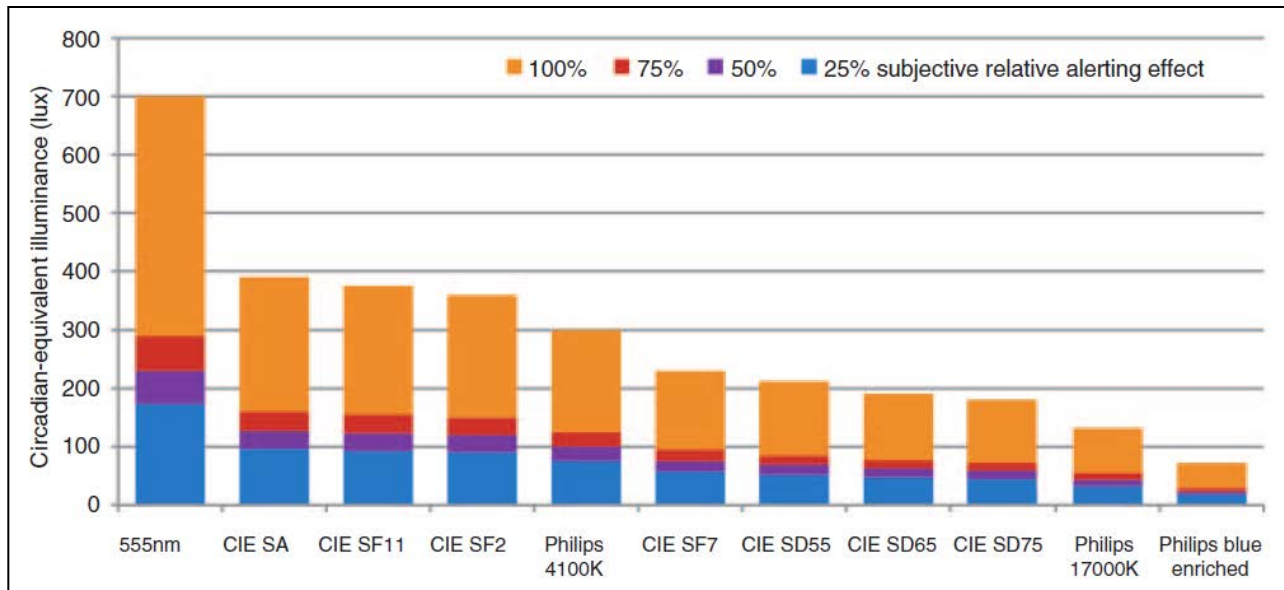
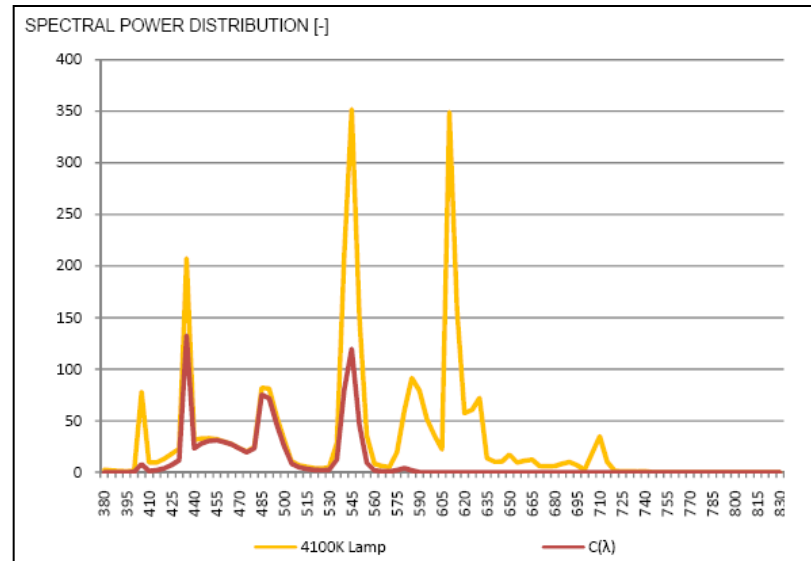
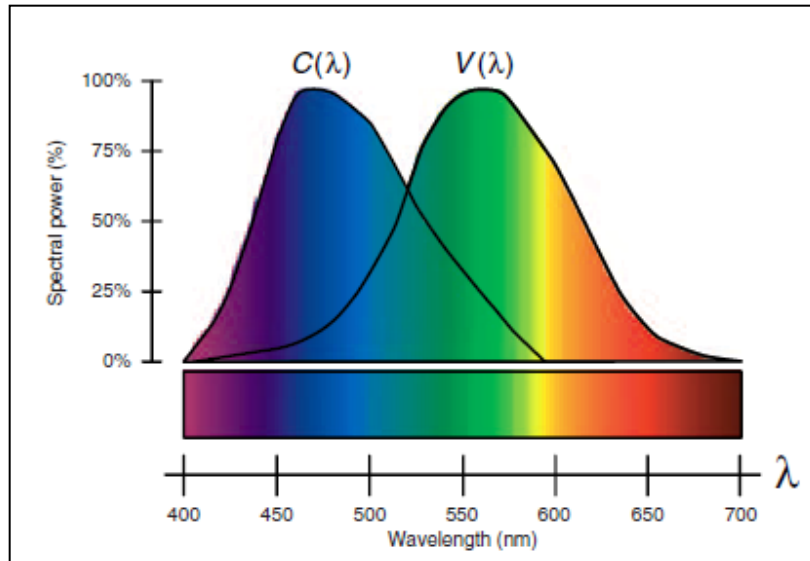
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# Light Applications - General

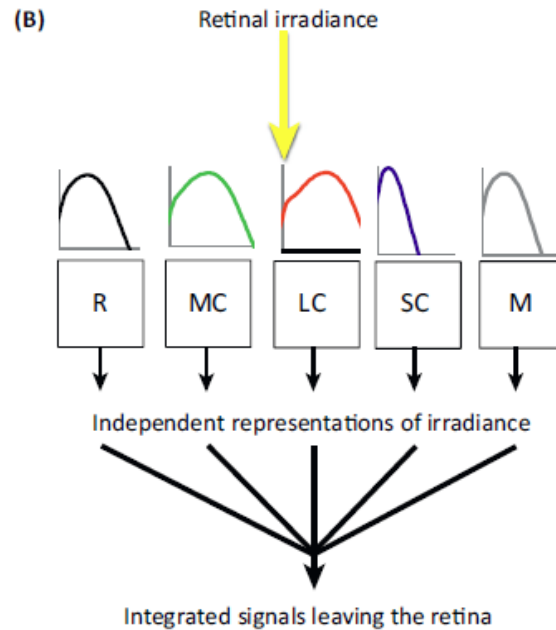
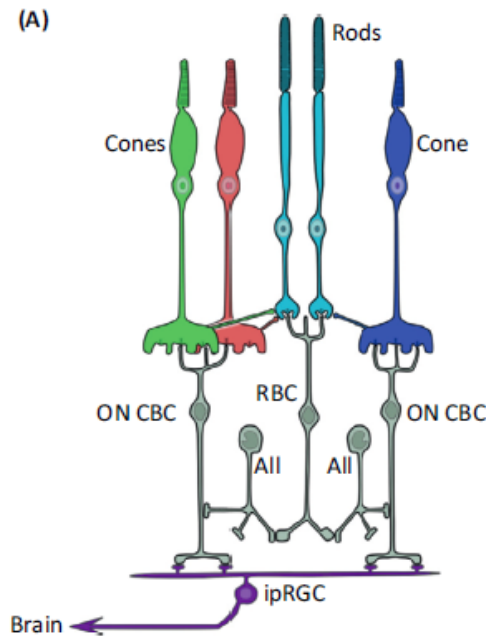
- **Non-pharmacological sleepiness countermeasure**
- **Safe, reversible, short-acting, inexpensive**
- **High levels of caffeine use illustrate need**
  - Offices, schools, colleges, factories, control rooms...
  - Military, security, transport (pilots, captains, truck/car/train drivers)
  - Safety-sensitive occupations (physicians, nurses, nuclear...)
  - Anywhere where enhanced alertness and safety is important
- **Challenge is to incorporate these benefits into design**
- **Lighting design to optimize visual and non-visual effects**
- **Flexible, 'smart' lighting systems with user interaction**

# Modeling 'circadian efficacy' and architectural design for lighting

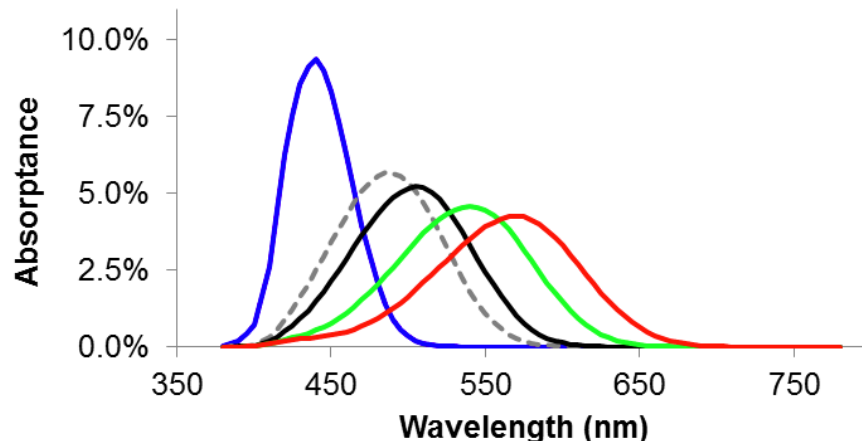


# Measuring and using light in the melanopsin age

RJ Lucas, S Peirson, D Berson, T Brown, H Cooper, CA Czeisler, MG Figueiro, PD Gamlin, SW Lockley, JB O'Hagan, LLA Price, I Provencio, DJ Skene, GC Brainard



*TRENDS in Neurosciences*



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Free on-line tool (Excel) to permit quantification of irradiance by each of these 5 photoreceptors to try and standardize light measurement and description in human and animal studies

*Lucas et al., Trends in Neurosci 2014*



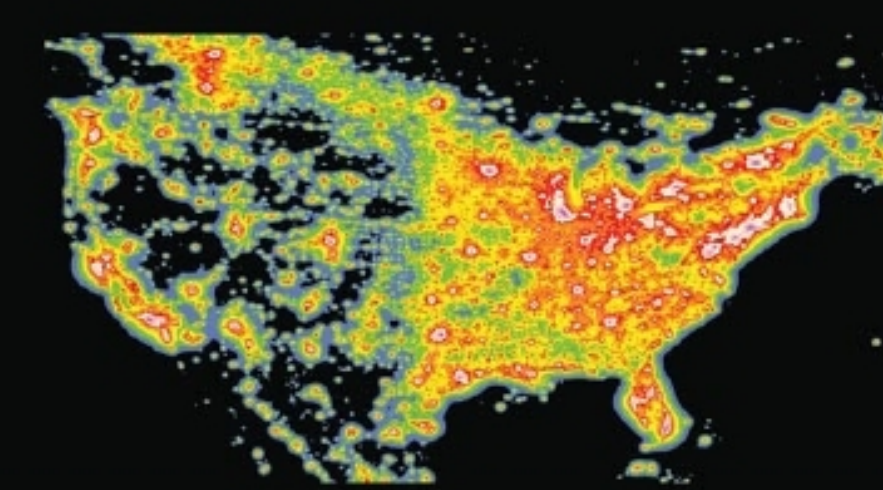
**Late 1950s**



**Mid 1970s**



**1997**



**2025**

**SHORT SLEEP**

**=**

**LONG LIGHT**

# Light exposure **AT NIGHT** stimulates multiple circadian, hormonal and behavioral responses in humans

- Phase-shifting the timing of the circadian pacemaker
  - ↳ **DESYNCHRONIZES INTERNAL CIRCADIAN RHYTHMS AND DISRUPTS SLEEP AND HORMONE SIGNALS**
- Suppression of pineal hormone melatonin at night
  - ↳ **ABOLISHES BIOCHEMICAL SIGNAL OF DARKNESS**
- Enhancement of alertness and neurobehavioral performance
  - ↳ **ALERTS THE BRAIN AND DISRUPTS SLEEP**
- Increase in heart rate and temperature at night
  - ↳ **WIDESPREAD IMPACT ON PHYSIOLOGY, METABOLISM, AND GENE EXPRESSION BRAIN- AND BODY-WIDE**

# **Circadian Disruption and Cancer- Making the Connection**

New York Academy of Sciences and  
The Mushett Family Foundation  
June 9, 2009

**<http://www.nyas.org/>**

# Summary

- Blue light is an effective countermeasure for night-time performance decrements associated with circadian desynchrony and can restore performance to near-daytime levels in the laboratory
- Blue light is an effective countermeasure for day-time performance decrements in the laboratory
- Multiple healthcare applications show benefits of acute light therapy (SAD, fatigue) and stronger light-dark cycles (dementia, sleep-wake) with higher intensity or CCT light
- Office and shiftwork studies during the day and night show improvements in alertness and performance with higher CCT light
- Pilot school studies show benefits of higher CCT fluorescent and LED lighting on concentration and performance although mechanism (circadian and/or acute effects) unknown
- Ground studies underway testing the effects of a prototype LED polychromatic lighting system on pre-sleep sleepiness, post-wake alertness and circadian phase resetting for the Space Station



# **Key Questions**

- **How do we incorporate these findings in real-world applications?**
- **How do lighting designers model the dual effects of light?**
- **What more information do designers need?**
- **How to approach ‘smart lighting’?**
- **Energy considerations?**
- **Safety considerations?**
- **Light pollution, role of darkness?**

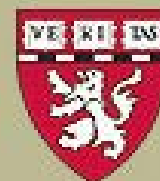
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